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# **Peshtigo River State Forest to Stay Open**

Many people have asked whether the State Forest property is open to public access. The answer is that yes it is open for public access, including hunting. All boat landings are open for Fall fishing, too. Under terms of state acquisition, during the master planning period, the public use of the over

9,200 acres of recreational land will be managed the same way as when WPS owned it. In fact, not all the land has been acquired by the state yet, but it will all be open regardless.

This is in contrast to Governor Thompson State Park, which remains closed to public access, except for Boat Landing #13. There

are no public facilities available at the State Park yet. Therefore, it remains closed till further notice.

If you have questions about access to these properties contact Sara Pearson, Peshtigo River State Forest (715) 787-3965 or Maggie Kailhofer, Governor Thompson State Park at (715) 757-3979.

## **Additional Master Planning Information**

"Why try to plan two major properties at once?" you might ask. Since Governor Thompson State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest are directly adjacent, there is a lot to be gained. Both properties will be managed by DNR, though they will have some different uses and

regulations. However, the land ownership and the natural resources of both sites will be uninterrupted. If you cross from the park over into the forest, you probably won't even notice a difference. We call this effect a *seamless boundary*. The vegetation will probably even look the same.

There may be fewer developed recreational facilities in the forest, but both properties will be open to the public. And both will be beautiful. The wild shorelines will remain undeveloped and the forest will be productive, yet sustainable. *Be sure to let us know what you think about these ideas.*

## **About Master Planning with the WDNR...**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Strategic Plan calls for encouraging public involvement and providing for outdoor recreation. We accomplish these goals in a variety of ways, but one of the best ways is through the integrated efforts of internal and external partners in the master planning process. We're very interested in what YOU have to say.



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